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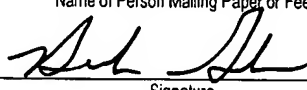
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Re: New U.S. Utility Patent Application Transmittal
For: OBJECT DETECTION APPARATUS, OBJECT DETECTION
METHOD AND RECORDING MEDIUM
By: Hironori SUMITOMO and Daisaku HORIE
Attorney Docket: 15162/05670

Dear Sir:

This Utility Patent Application Transmittal is submitted in connection with OBJECT DETECTION APPARATUS, OBJECT DETECTION METHOD AND RECORDING MEDIUM, by Hironori SUMITOMO and Daisaku HORIE, inventors.

Enclosed herewith are the following:

APPLICATION ELEMENTS:

- (1) A duplicate copy of this Transmittal Letter (containing a breakdown of amount of fees due and deposit account authorization);
- (2) Specification (37 pages, including 20 claims and an abstract);
- (3) Formal Drawings (26 sheets) (Figs. 1-34); and
- (4) Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney (7 pages).

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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS:

- (5) Information Disclosure Statement (3 pages);
- (6) PTO-1449 Form (1 page);
- (7) Copy of four (4) references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement;
- (8) Submission of Certified Copy of Priority Document (2 pages) transmitting a certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-385846 (35 pages) ;
- (9) Assignment (2 pages) of the invention to KONICA MINOLTA HOLDINGS, INC., with attached Recordation Form Cover Sheet (1 page) (in duplicate); and
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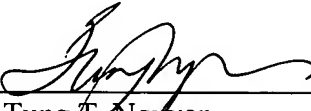
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